

**YAKAMA NATION HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**



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Extended

Environmental Scientist
Water Code Administration
Department of Administration
Hourly Wage: \$24.90/Regular/Full-Time

Provides scientific and technical guidance, support, and coordination to the Water Code Administration in its mission to implement and enforce *Chiish Tamanwit*, Title 60 Water Code and Title 61 Hydraulic Code. Promotes the public understanding of *Chiish Tamanwit*, the Yakama Nation's primary law governing water use and protection, through public interactions, presentations, and reports. Assists WAC staff in investigations of water uses and other activities affecting the water resources of the Yakama nation to determine whether such uses and activities are in compliance with *Chiish Tamanwit*. Reviews applications for permits and analyzes their technical merits according to the Code and relevant policy. Provides analysis and interpretation of data, design, maps, and field information. Makes recommendations to decision makers for approvals or denials. This includes drafting conditions or provisions to be followed by permittees in order to comply *Chiish Tamanwit*.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Knowledge of and wiliness to learn about the Yakama Nation, its Treaty and Reservation, and the religious, spiritual, and cultural significance of Water to Yakama people.
- Knowledge of basic hydrologic principles.
- Knowledge of water uses.
- Knowledge of Tribal, State and Federal laws, regulations, policies and procedures pertaining to the regulation of water resources.
- Knowledge of the principles and application of the science, tools, and techniques of water in water regulation and management.
- Skill in performing water use calculations as rates and volume, and conversions to different units of measure.
- Skill in interacting and communication effectively orally and in writing on technical issues to diverse groups including staff, the public and other governmental agencies.
- Skill in reading maps and generating GIS maps.
- Skill in research, review and analysis of complex laws, regulations and technical information and data.
- Skill in establishing and maintaining effective work relationships with co-workers and work-related contacts.
- Skill in analyzing natural resources data in the application of appropriate regulatory policies.
- Skill in operating a computer and office equipment, including appropriate software.
- Skill in operating technical equipment related to the duties.
- Skill in making effective presentations on controversial or complex topics to the public, management and elected officials.
- Ability to develop professional interpersonal working relationships with others regardless of their ethnic backgrounds and educational levels.
- Ability to work as part of a team.
- Ability to walk, bend, lift, push and carry self and equipment in difficult terrain.
- Ability to work simultaneously on complex work assignments.
- Ability to work beyond the normal 8-5 day; five day work week.
- Ability to travel one to three days per months.
- Ability to understand scientific and technical information and data related to water.

General Recruiting Indicators:

- Minimum of a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science, Earth Science, Hydrology, Hydrogeology, Environmental or Civil Engineering, Watershed Management, Natural Resources Management, or closely related field is required and two years of experience in a natural resources or related field.
- A graduate degree may substitute for one year of experience.

Special Requirements:

- Required to pass a pre-employment drug and alcohol test.
- Required to complete a pre-employment background check.
- Must possess a valid driver's license and have the ability to obtain a Yakama Tribal Driver's Permit.